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NOTE VERBALE DATED 16 JULY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 12 and 14 July 1993, there appear to have been 16 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as an annex to this note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 678.

Annex

INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(12-15 July 1993)

Serial number	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
685	12 July	0915	0915	Tuzla United Nations military observers (UNMOs) observed a UTVA-75 fixed-wing training aircraft flying near Dubrave towards the south-west. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Low
686	12 July	1002	1019	A flight of NATO fighters reported a radar contact 10 kilometres south of Tuzla. The contact was subsequently visually identified as an MI-8 helicopter, painted blue and white. The helicopter was flying on a northerly heading and landed 5 kilometres south of Tuzla. This helicopter was also visually identified from the ground by Tuzla UNMOs. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Slow Low
687	12 July	1447	1503	A flight of NATO fighters visually identified a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue band 15 kilometres south of Tuzla. The helicopter flew to Zenica, where it landed, and 10 passengers disembarked. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Low
688	12 July	1714	1720	A flight of NATO fighters intercepted and visually identified an MI-8 helicopter 10 kilometres south of Tuzla. It landed 5 kilometres south-east of Tuzla next to two other helicopters. Three people disembarked. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Slow Low
689	12 July	1735	1746	A flight of NATO fighters visually identified a camouflaged MI-8 helicopter 10 kilometres south of Banja Luka. Radio warnings were issued. The helicopter landed 5 kilometres south-west of Banja Luka next to another MI-8 helicopter. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	North-west 110 knots 1,000 feet
690	13 July	1609	1723	UNPROFOR received a Casualty Evacuation (CASEVAC) request for a flight from Banja Luka to Duge Njive (15 kilometres east of Maglaj) and return. The flight took off prior to authorization being granted. All necessary coordination and inspection was therefore not possible. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Unknown Unknown

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691	14 July	0723	0730	UNMOs at Tuzla observed an MI-8 helicopter flying circuits around the quarry at Visca used a helicopter landing site. Shortly afterwards NATO fighters arrived and forced the helicopter to land. The helicopter attempted to take off several times but was warned to land and did so. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Manoeuvring Slow Low
692	14 July	0808	0828	A flight of NATO fighters observed an MI-8 helicopter flying from the quarry at Visca towards the north. The helicopter flew a short distance before landing in response to warnings. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Manoeuvring Slow Low
693	14 July	0915	0928	A flight of NATO fighters flying to the South of Tuzla observed an MI-8 helicopter. The helicopter landed in the quarry at Visca alongside two others whose rotors were turning. Shortly afterwards the helicopter took off and flew, ignoring all warnings, towards the south and out of view. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Manoeuvring Slow Low Then: South Slow Low
694	14 July	0925	0925	UNMOs at Tuzla observed an MI-8 helicopter arriving and landing at Tuzla airport. The helicopter was carrying cartons of cigarettes. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Landing - Unknown
695	14 July	0948	0950	A flight of NATO fighters observed an MI-8 helicopter taking off from Visca quarry and begin to fly towards the north. Warnings were issued and the helicopter returned almost immediately to the quarry and landed. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Northerly Low Slow
696	14 July	1015	1029	A flight of NATO fighters observed an MI-8 taking off from Visca quarry and head towards the south-west. Numerous warnings were ignored and the helicopter flew to Zenica where it landed on a prepared landing pad. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Low Slow
697	14 July	1050	1117	UNMOs at Tuzla observed the helicopter serial number 694 taking off and flying to the south-west. A flight of NATO fighters also observed this helicopter taking off and followed it to Visca where another MI-8 helicopter was flying. One of the two airborne helicopters landed briefly then took off in the direction of Tuzla before returning to the quarry. The second helicopter flew towards the south-west and was last seen 35 kilometres east of Zenica. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Manoeuvring them South-west Low Slow

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698	14 July	1225	1302	A flight of NATO fighters intercepted an MI-8 helicopter 17 kilometres south of Zenica. The helicopter ignored all warnings and flew to a field 10 kilometres west of Sarajevo Airport where up to 30 passengers were seen to deplane. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east 100 knots 1,000 feet
699	14 July	1548	1629	A flight of NATO fighters intercepted an MI-8 flying in a south-westerly direction away from Tuzla. The helicopter landed briefly before flying to Zenica where it landed and shut down. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west 85 knots 150 feet
700	14 July	1659	1717	A flight of NATO fighters saw the helicopter from serial number 699 taking off from Zenica and returning to Visca quarry near Tuzla. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Manoeuvring 100 knots 50 feet